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BODY OF YOUNG MAN FOUND ON RAILROAD TRACK

Billie Preston Killed by a C. & O. Train Saturday Night.

The mangled body of Billie Preston was found on the railroad track Sunday morning between Georges creek and Richardson, this county. Just at what hour he was killed or what caused him to become the victim of this accident may never be known. He was 19 years old, the youngest son of Mrs. Belle Preston, of Georges creek, widow of Elliott Preston. On Saturday evening he went to Richardson to call on a girl, it is said. On his way home in the night he met death in a tragic manner.

The body was brought to Louisa Sunday morning and Judge Sparks held a coroner's inquest at the C. & O. station. The body was prepared for burial and returned to Georges creek the same evening. The burial took place Monday.

Billie was known as a boy of good qualities and everybody liked him. His tragic death was a great shock to the community. Much sympathy is expressed for the mother and brothers and sisters.

Road Offer Made to Wayne County

The Wayne News says:—The State Road Commission has made Wayne county an offer which, are its people as wise and progressive as we think they are, they will hasten to accept. A project for extending the State highway from the present assigned limitations to the Mingo county line has been submitted, and the success or failure of it rests with the people of Lincoln district.

This enterprise, while important as part of a state-wide project, is still more important in its relation to the people of Wayne county, and more important still as it will affect the people leading from Charleston, via Huntington, Wayne and Williamson, to Welch and Bluefield. As a county road it will give the people of a very large fertile section of Wayne county easy access to the county seat and to the markets along the Ohio river.

The issuance by Lincoln district of \$150,000 bonds will clinch this great improvement. The State Road Commission has agreed to meet the other half of the estimated expenses of \$150,000 or more if it should be more.

Big Moonshine Raid in Johnson

Pikeville, Ky., June 24.—Seventeen moonshiners, four stills and a large quantity of whiskey was the toll exacted in the moonshine infested section of Johnson county by Prohibition Officer J. M. Ellitt and posse who returned to Pikeville today. The prisoners were brought here and placed in custody of Jailor Rowe pending examining trial next week.

Excitement was lent to the raid when a man named Williams fired on the posse. Fortunately he missed his mark and, was at once put under arrest.

The raiders were accompanied by Marshall Fitzpatrick of Paintsville, who bears about his body three bullet holes received in a battle with moonshiners near Paintsville last year when Revenue Officer John Reynolds was killed.

M. E. Church Team Wins Close Game From Baptists

The M. E. Church baseball team defeated the Baptists in an exciting game last Saturday afternoon, the score being 6 to 5. With 3 runs in the first inning it looked like an easy victory for the Baptist team, but the Methodists made 2 runs in the fifth, 2 in the sixth and 2 in the ninth. The Baptists were unable to overcome this lead, making only 2 runs in the ninth. Morat pitched for the Methodists, allowing 5 hits and striking out 12. Chales Brown pitched for the Baptists, striking out 15 and allowing 9 hits.

REV. JAS. D. BELL VISITING IN TROY

The Troy, Alabama, Herald says:—Rev. Jas. D. Bell, who is stationed at Louisa, Ky., accompanied by his wife and two children, are visiting in the city, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bell. Mr. Bell is a former Pike county and is being warmly welcomed by his many friends here.

CAMPING PARTY RETURNS.

The camping party that had thoroughly enjoyed a week's stay at the Ayres camp on Keaton returned home Monday evening.

Mr. R. L. Vinson had joined them the last of the week. His wife was the chaperon. Those composing the party were Misses Alva Snyder, O. G. Gibson, Emily Conley and Martha Yates. Messrs. Luther B. Atkins, George H. Mauger and James E. Ferguson.

BERT MOORE INJURED.

Bert Moore of Cherokee is in a hospital in Huntington suffering from injuries received in a coal mine at Lin-dale, W. Va. It was at first reported that his back was broken, but later it was learned by relatives here that his injuries were not so serious.

IF COUNTESS LOSES THEN SHE WINS



News dispatches from the French capital report that the Countess de Maupas, formerly Consuelo Morgan, daughter of Henry Hays Morgan, U. S. Trade Commissioner to Belgium and now Consul General at Brussels, is seeking divorce, at the same time her husband, Count Jean de Maupas Du Juglari is suing for divorce in the Paris courts.

UNION SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

Drs. Daughtry and Shannon Will Preach Morning and Evening.

Louisa will have the opportunity of hearing two very able visiting preachers next Sunday. Arrangements have been made for union services.

In the morning Rev. F. P. Shannon will preach at the M. E. Church South, and in the evening Rev. S. S. Daughtry will preach at the M. E. Church.

These two eminent ministers are visiting in Louisa, accompanied by their wives. Mr. Shannon is here from Chicago making his annual visit to his mother, Mrs. Kate Shannon, his brother, E. E. Shannon, and other relatives. He is always kind enough to accept some of the urgent invitations to preach in his old home town.

Mr. and Mrs. Daughtry are guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Shannon at their handsome home on Main street. He is pastor of a large church at Harrodsburg, having gone there from Frankfort. He ranks as quite an able preacher.

An invitation is extended to everybody to attend these services.

KILLED BY EXPLOSION.

Two men believed to be oil well shooters, were blown to atoms and three houses in the outskirts of Wells-ville, Ohio, were wrecked early Friday when nitroglycerine being transported by automobile exploded.

MAYO TRAIL PROSPECTS GOOD

According to the latest information the Mayo Trail from Louisa to Paintsville will be advertised for bids within a relatively short time. Also, the road from Paintsville to Salversville, which recently has been approved by the federal roads department.

The action of Congress in appropriating a sum for each of three years gives the State commission a much better chance to lay out the work to better advantage than when working each year with no assurance of whether there would be any federal aid for the next year.

Floyd county has sold bonds for the amount to be given the State road department on the Mayo Trail. This is the last link. Johnson and Pike have been ready with their money for quite a long time. Late fall should see the Mayo Trail under contract to Pikeville.

Strother Mays Dies in Huntington, W. Va.

Strother Mays, 60, widely known Kenova business man and for many years prominent in Wayne county politics, died at 10:10 o'clock Thursday night at a hospital in Huntington as a result of a lingering illness.

Mr. Mays was born in Louisa, Ky., but had been a resident of Wayne county for more than forty years.

He is survived by his widow, five sons and three daughters: Amos Mays, Mrs. W. H. Bowman and Miss Gertrude Mays of Huntington; Henry Mays of Ceredo and Ted, Harold, Woodrow and Kathleen Mays of Kenova.

Funeral services were held at 5:30 p. m. Sunday at the residence, Kenova. Interment in Spring Hill cemetery.

3,555 CARS OF COAL.

Thirty-five hundred and fifty-five cars of coal were hauled out of the Big Sandy Valley during the seven-day period ending at 6 p. m. Saturday. It was announced at the Ashland office of the Chesapeake & Ohio. This is a non-union field.

HIGHER COURT REVERSES OIL LEASE CASES

U. S. Court of Appeals Orders Cancellation of Lawrence County Leases.

A telegram received Wednesday evening by Cain & Thompson, attorneys for plaintiffs, states that the United States Court of Appeals has reversed Judge Cochran's decision in the cases of O. B. Kasee, J. F. Lyon and L. T. Sparks. This involves leases held by the Union Gas & Oil Company on oil and gas rights in the upper Blaine section of Lawrence county. The decision means that the leases are cancelled, but upon what grounds is not stated. Out of nine cases decided by Judge Cochran at one time the three persons named herein appealed their cases and the others may yet do so if desired, it is said. Lack of mutuality in the lease, and no development, were pleaded. These decisions are very important to all oil fields.

Wayne County Man Killed by Truck

Robert Thompson, a resident of Wayne county, was fatally injured Tuesday when struck by a Huntington truck on the Piedmont road near Camden park.

According to the report at the inquest Mr. Thompson had stepped down from a wagon on which he was riding, into the path of the truck. He was hurled to a hospital and died shortly after.

Injuries sustained by Thompson were a fractured skull, a broken shoulder blade and a broken leg, according to coroner's examination and also several internal injuries.

Mr. Thompson is survived by his widow, two brothers, John and Willie Thompson, three sisters, Mrs. Hattie Haywood, Mrs. Vinie McCand and Mrs. Cynthia Johnson. He is also survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Thompson.

CAVALRY BARN CASE DECIDED

In the Lawrence Circuit Court which adjourned last week a decision was rendered in the case involving the rights and powers of Lawrence county and her fiscal court in the matter of the cavalry barn and other quarters heretofore provided for the cavalry troop which exists here. The court sustained the action brought to recover the barn for the county and to stop certain expenditures for maintenance of quarters.

The following statement of the case has been handed to this paper:

"This case is of great importance and has attracted statewide attention, as it settles whether or not our county can be forced to support a State institution and to contribute to the county funds for that purpose.

The last administration and more especially D. L. Thompson had the Fiscal Court enter an order directing the building of a cavalry barn and fit out an armory for use of a military unit at a cost of about \$4,500. The new administration, through its Fiscal Court, feeling that this expenditure of the people's money was wrong, directed G. W. Castle to take possession of said barn and sell it. After looking into conditions it was found that the persons in control of the military unit were constantly drawing on the county for money to meet bills created at the will of those in charge. The County Attorney ordered no more bills to be paid. That brought about a climax and the Attorney General instituted a suit to prevent the sale of the barn and to settle the right of the Fiscal Court to further support the same.

The Fiscal Court employed C. L. Miller and he in connection with G. W. Castle, County Attorney, made defense of the suit, raising the question that the act requiring the county to support the cavalry was unconstitutional, because requiring a county to do so was a discrimination in taxation of that county above the counties not required to do so. The court sustained the contention of the attorneys for the county and it is considered a great victory of the taxpayers of Lawrence county."

Two Baseball Games Here on July Fourth

On July 4th there will be two baseball games at the park at Louisa, one in the forenoon and the other in the afternoon. The Kenova and Neal teams will cross bats with Louisa. Interesting contests are expected.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Thomas Carter, 29, of Busseyville, to Laura E. Bradley of R. D. 1, Louisa.

Joseph G. Young, 33, Norfolk, Va., to Mrs. Edna Rose, 28, of Davy, W. Va.

Lincoln Davis, 27, to Lizzie Edwards, 19, both of Ulysses.

Charley Dawson, 21, to Julia Shuff, 18, both of Fort Gay, W. Va.

Josh T. Williams, 30, to Ethel Dorothy Brock, 20, both of Barbourville, Ky.

Ell Parker, 24, of Red Bush, to Laura Travis, 16, of Wilbur.

C. & O. Will Spend Much to Improve Sandy Division

That there will undoubtedly be a substantial part of the \$15,000,000 improvement program outlined by the C. & O. railroad spent towards the improvement of the Big Sandy and the Ashland Division and terminals, was the prediction made by Superintendent J. B. Harris here today.

Mr. Harris, however, was without further information on the subject and stated that he did not know when the improvement would be started nor how much would be used toward the improvements in this section.

The contemplated improvements will in all probability be started within the next two months according to a statement from Mr. Parrish.

The \$5,000,000 budget will be used for extension of yards and second tracks. A \$10,000,000 budget is being prepared for rolling stock. A large portion of this, it is believed, will be spent on the Big Sandy division. Superintendent Harris stated that this would be done on account of the enormous increase in business on this division which has taken place recently.

Mr. Harris further stated that he had not the slightest idea how soon he would receive notification from the general office of the proposed improvement program.

On last Saturday the general superintendent in company with the superintendent made a tour of inspection on the Big Sandy division relative to the proposed new work of improvement and extension.—Ashland Independent.

Telephone Workers Fired on From Ambush

Charles Duvall, lineman for the American Telegraph and Telephone Company at Olive Hill, while working on the line with his son, Vernon, and Watt King, manager of the Olive Hill Telephone Company, were fired on from ambush by unknown parties. Both sides fired, about thirty shots being traded. It is believed that one of the attacking party was wounded as traces of blood were found.

Officers from Olive Hill with bloodhounds are trailing the attackers but had not found them when this report was sent. Charles Duvall, it is alleged, killed a man at Olive Hill some time ago and was acquitted by a jury. It is believed here that the attack on Duvall was prompted by revenge.

W. L. Ferguson Takes Charge of Louisa Store

W. L. Ferguson has taken charge of the clothing and furnishings store recently purchased from Sparks and Sparks, in the Dr. Burgess building. Mr. Ferguson's family will not move from Huntington for some time. It is said, much to the regret of their Louisa friends. Mr. Ferguson sold this store to Sparks & Sparks just before he moved to Huntington.

Louisa will lose Mr. and Mrs. Bert L. Sparks in the deal, as they will return to Fleming county, their former home. They have bought the place they formerly owned. We regret to have them leave Louisa.

NEW CHRISTIAN CHURCH OPENED

The first services in the new Christian church in Louisa were held last Sunday morning and evening. Rev. J. H. Stambaugh of Charleston preached at both services to large congregations. He was invited by the pastor, Rev. Matherly, and by the congregation because it was under his ministry that this project was started. He is an able and popular preacher and makes good wherever he goes.

The congregations and choirs of other Louisa churches joined in both the services. There was special music.

This new building is quite a handsome and well planned building and stands as one of the marked improvements in Louisa's building list for the year. The congregation deserves much credit for carrying the enterprise to completion. The lot was given by Mr. and Mrs. John M. Mounts and they also were liberal contributors to the building fund.

ALL VOTERS MUST REGISTER.

Under a new law every voter in Kentucky must register on July 10th and 11th this year. No other registration will be required in after years, except the new voters. The law is now before the Court of Appeals on a constitutional test and a decision is expected this week. If held good, all must register in order to vote in the primaries and November elections.

This law is important and must be complied with. It was passed to stop fraudulent voting and repeating in some parts of the State. None of that has been going on in Lawrence county, but we must be willing to go to a little extra trouble to keep elections clean in other counties.

Voters can not register by mail. Those absent should arrange to come home on July 10-11.

ATTENDED REUNION.

W. M. Stone, J. W. Yates and H. E. Ferguson attended the reunion of Confederate veterans in Richmond, Va., last week. Mr. Ferguson was accompanied by T. B. Ellips. We erroneously stated last week that R. G. Moore was there attending the meeting of sons of Confederate veterans. He did not attend this year. Mr. Yates visited his daughter, Mrs. C. T. Reynolds, who lives in Richmond.

READY FOR RACE AGAINST HUSBAND



Latest photograph of Mrs. Miriam A. Ferguson, wife of the former governor of Texas who was impeached. At hubby's bequest she sought to enter the Democratic primaries in the race for the United States Senate. If "Gov. Jimmy" was found ineligible, it was agreed the wife should be "in" in place of the "stormy petrel."

MAGOFFIN EXAM. IS THROWN OUT

Colvin Cites County School Head to Explain Fraud Charges.

Frankfort, Ky., June 27.—Citing J. S. Adams, County School Superintendent of Magoffin county to appear here to show cause why his certificate should not be revoked because of fraud in the May examination, Superintendent of Public Instruction Colvin today declared the examination null and void and ordered a special one for July 7 and 8. He also revoked the teacher's certificate to Joseph Howard of Royalton, Magoffin county, who stated under oath, that he helped to answer the examination questions and announced that he intends to turn all of the evidence which he has gathered regarding the examination over to the grand jury in an effort to secure indictments.

Fifty-six persons stood the May examination in Magoffin county following which Superintendent Adams notified Superintendent Colvin that twenty-three of the applicants were not entitled to certificates for the reason that they had "cheated" in the examination. Under the law, it is the duty of the County School Superintendent to expel all persons found cheating from the examination. Instead of doing this Superintendent Colvin said Adams wanted to "pass the buck" to the Department. He has his doubts, he said, if all of the twenty-three are guilty of the charges made by Adams.

Previous Trouble Reported.

The trouble in Magoffin county is long standing. Superintendent Colvin having written Adams under date of January 28, 1921, that the teachers' examination held in Magoffin county in 1920 "subjected the whole profession to criticism because of the way in which it was conducted."

"More complaints," he said, "have come from your county than any other county save one," and at that time, over a year ago, offered the assistance of the Department of Education for the purpose of keeping the "examinations above suspicion." At that time he had in his possession the confessions of several applicants who were in the examination, he said.

Affidavits showing fraud in the May examinations were secured from Joseph Howard, Marvin Picklesimer, Edgar W. Bailey, Galada Higgins and W. D. Caudill for the Department of Education by Mack J. Morgan, assistant Inspector and Examiner of Schools and these affidavits will be presented to the next grand jury of Magoffin county.—Courier-Journal.

Former Congressman Opposes Langley in 10th

Pikeville, Ky., June 21.—N. T. Hopkins of Yeager, Pike county, today entered the race for Congress against Congressman John W. Langley, in the Republican primary to be held in August. Mr. Hopkins registered his declaration as a candidate to Secretary of State Vaughn this morning.

Mr. Hopkins, who is a Baptist minister, was a member of the last Legislature. He also served one term as Congressman from the Tenth District.

BOY'S BODY FOUND AT BOTTOM OF OIL TANK

Slaterville, W. Va.—Presumably overcome by oil fumes, the body of Geo. C. Mosser, 12 year old son of Lisa Mosser of Wick, near here, was found at the bottom of an oil tank on the Jewett farm near his home. The body had been in the oil nearly five hours.

200 MEMBERS FOR AUTO CLUB.

The automobile club, it is said, will not begin to spend any money on the roads until 200 members are secured. Therefore, owners of machines will do well to join the club without delay, as the roads will begin to receive attention.

DEFENDANTS IN CLAY HOLE KILLING ARE FOUND GUILTY

Verdict Caused Considerable Surprise at Catlettsburg, it is Said.

Catlettsburg, Ky., June 22.—The jury in the famous Clay Hole murder trial brought in a verdict of guilty at 5:46 p. m. today, charging Leslie Combs, Shade Combs, French Combs and Geo. Allen, Jr., with voluntary manslaughter and fixing the punishment for Leslie Combs and George Allen, Jr., at 15 years in the state penitentiary and for French Combs and Shade Combs at 5 years each.

The jury based their convictions on the following facts:

That George Allen, Jr., started the trouble at the election precinct;

That Leslie Combs fired the first shot;

That French and Shade Combs were accessories to the killing of George McIntosh, in that they aided and abetted in the killing, and gun fight precipitated by Leslie Combs.

It was learned an appeal will be made upon completion of the present court record, but no decision is likely to be handed down for three months at the least, as the court of appeals adjourns for the summer Saturday and records of the case must be in their hands before this.

When the verdict was read by Judge William C. Halbert, only the defendants, their families and a few of the witnesses were present. Upon the announcement of the decision reached by the jury sentencing the defendants to the penitentiary, Mrs. America Combs, mother of Leslie Combs, who was sentenced to 15 years, and mother of the two slain Combs boys in the Clay Hole fight, broke down.

She left her seat beside her boy and went to the back of the court room where she paced the floor, wringing her hands and shrieking, "Oh, blessed God, have mercy. What am I going to do—what am I going to do with my boy gone!"

The entire court room was thrown into commotion when the verdict was read. Never before has there been such a demonstration here during a trial. The sight presented in the court room today was most pathetic. The entire atmosphere during the trial has been that of sorrow, the widows and mothers of the slain men in the Clay Hole fight being attired in deep mourning and the faces of each one expressing deep grief. However, the defendants and their loved ones expressed confidence, up until the verdict was returned, that they would be acquitted.

Leslie Combs and French Combs cried as they listened to the words of the judge. Shade Combs, world war veteran, stood as though he was listening to the commands of a general.

The men were taken to the jail, followed by their friends and relatives, who lingered around the door for several hours afterwards.

CLAYHOLE CASES NEXT FEBRUARY

The trial of nine persons indicted for conspiracy and murder in the Clay hole election cases will go over to next February. The Judge eliminated the conspiracy charge carried in the indictment.

Also, the Judge refused a new trial for the four Democrats convicted last week in the same case.

Next to the fact that several men were killed at Clayhole voting precinct, and that the ballots were destroyed and therefore no election was held, there is nothing more evident than the conspiracy that brought this about.

J. W. Yates, Louisa, Ky., Oldest Vet in Town

The following is from a Richmond, Va., newspaper:

J. W. Yates, of Louisa, Ky., is the oldest surviving Confederate veteran in his town. Although he is in his 86th year he is still active and able to attend the reunions.

Mr. Yates entered the army in 1862 as a cavalryman and fought until the end of the war in 1865. He was in many important battles in the Valley of Virginia as well as in a number of engagements in Maryland, Tennessee and Pennsylvania. He was in the battle of Knoxville, Tenn., and was present at the burning of Chambersburg, Pa. He underwent many hardships and had many unusual experiences and narrow escapes.

Mr. Yates is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Carlton T. Reynolds, of this city.

WALTER SULLIVAN CAINES.

Mr. W. N. Sullivan, who was the guest of his sister, Mrs. Kate Shannon, received the following telegram while here:

Elkhorn City, Ky., June 27.

"Grand-dad, I am a twelve pound boy."

Walter Sullivan Caines.

The above refers to the baby of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Caines. They recently moved to Elkhorn City from Catlettsburg. Mrs. Caines was Miss Mamie Sullivan formerly of Louisa. Mr. Caines is the son of Wm. Caines and moved from Louisa to Catlettsburg some years ago.